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**MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL** Security Council pose for a picture at Denver, before going into closed session with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Left to right: Allen Dulles, director, Central Intelligence Agency; Arthur Fleming, defense mobilization director; Adm Arthur W. Radford, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Secretary of

the Treasury George M. Humphrey; FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover (head showing); President Eisenhower; Louis L. Strauss, director, Atomic Energy Commission; Vice President Richard Nixon; Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson; Secretary Dulles; Harold E. Stassen, foreign operations administrator; Rowland Hughes, director, Bureau of the Budget.—AP Wirephoto

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# Secret Talks Reaffirmed Orient Policy, Says Ike

3 DENVER (AP) President

Eisenhower declared Monday that American policy in the Communist-troubled Far East continues to be defense of "the vital interests of the United States wherever they may arise."

The President told newsmen at the summer White House that policy was reaffirmed at Sunday's top secret meeting of the National Security Council here.

**ALSO REAFFIRMED**, he added, was America's determination "where our vital interests demand it" to support its friends in the Far East "in their security and in their own interests."

Mr. Eisenhower said that at the security council meeting "no specific decisions were advanced for action" on such matters "as whether the United States will help defend the Chinese Nationalist island of Quemoy, which has been under shelling from the Red China mainland."

Along with the shelling, which has killed two American Army officers, the Reds have been doing a lot of talking about "liberating" the island of Formosa, the Nationalists' main stronghold.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, on arrival in Washington Monday morning from the council meeting in Denver, said American policy is to keep the Chinese Communists guessing whether this country will fight for Quemoy.

**DULLES TOLD** a news conference here Sunday it is up to the military "in the first instance" to say what Nationalist islands to defend in carrying out America's basic decision to defend Formosa against any Red assault.

Dulles also said U. S. military might will block any Communist move to take Formosa.

Mr. Eisenhower made his off-the-cuff statement on Sunday's council meeting before a battery of newsreel and television cameras and microphones in a conference room in the Lowry Air Force Base administration building. His vacation headquarters is located there.

The President said the council meeting, the first outside of Washington, "was unprecedented, but it was natural."

Dulles, he noted, had just returned from the Orient and "we met in order that all of us together could have the benefit of his observations and the details of his report." Then the chief executive said:

"**NO SPECIFIC** decisions were advanced for action. It is up to the military to decide the place of the

United States in the world today in the particular area—in that troubled area of the Western Pacific—and reaffirming our devotion to certain policies.

"These are, of course, to defend the vital interests of the United States wherever they may arise, to make better partners of old friends, and to get new friends wherever we can."

"And, of course, where our vital interests demand it, to support them in their security and in their own interests."

Dulles hinted before the security council met Sunday that it might arrive at a decision regarding defense of Quemoy.

Against that background there was 1) Mr. Eisenhower's assertion Monday that "no specific decisions were advanced for action, and 2) Dulles' statement in Washington that American policy with respect to that area is to keep the Reds guessing.

**THE PRESIDENT** spent about an hour and a half at his Lowry office Monday morning, then left for a round of golf at Cherry Hills Country Club.

Tuesday morning he will drive to nearby Boulder, Colo., for a brief informal speech at ceremonies dedicating the Bureau of Standards new \$7 Million radio research laboratory.

Wednesday morning he will go to Fraser, Colo., 70 miles northwest across the Continental Divide, for another five or six days of trout fishing at a secluded Rocky Mountain ranch.

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